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Continuation Application Under Rule 1.53(b)

Parent Application Info:

Application of: Walid N. Aboul-Hosn et al. Examiner: K. Scaggs
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For: Pulmonary and Circulatory Blood Flow Support Devices and Methods for Heart Surgery Procedures

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Commissioner of Patents
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend this continuation application, prior to calculation of the filing fee, as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please insert the following paragraph at Page 1, before Line 3, as presented below in "clean version" format):

(Clean Version of Paragraph Inserted by Amendment)

RELATED APPLICATION

This application is a continuation of co-pending patent application Serial No. 09/231,320 filed January 13, 1999.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 2-15.

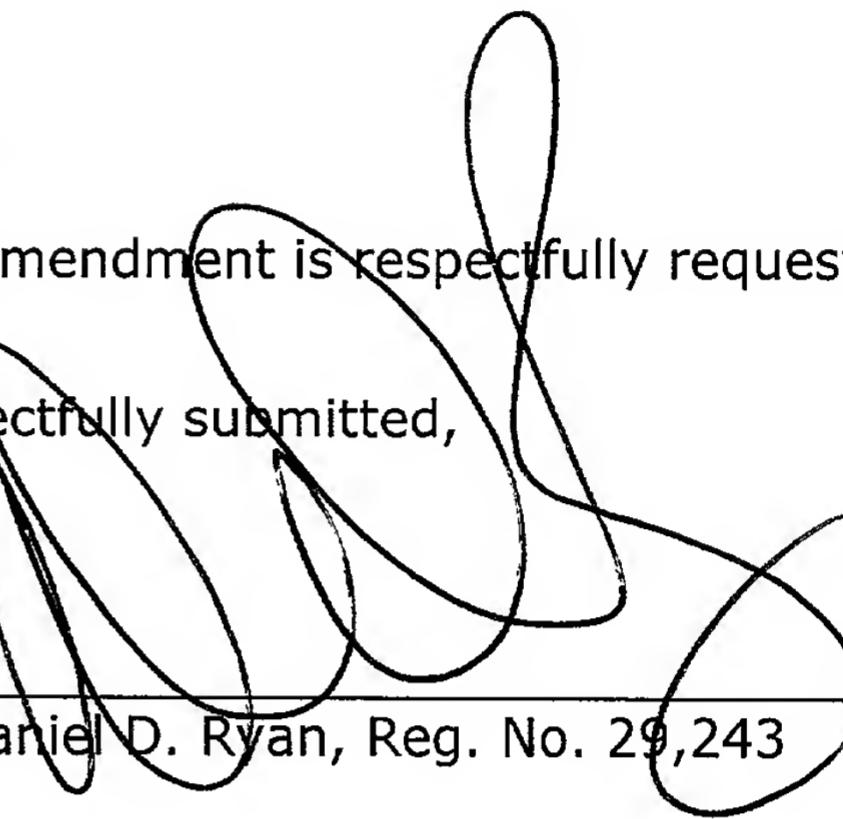
Claim 1 is presented for prosecution.

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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